

Senate Study Bill 1194 - Introduced

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ON LABOR AND BUSINESS
RELATIONS BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON WHITING)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for procedures to verify eligibility
2 for unemployment benefits and including effective date
3 provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 96.1A, Code 2021, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 26A. "*Integrity data hub*" means a
4 centralized, electronic platform, including a successor
5 platform, maintained by the national association of state
6 workforce agencies, or a successor organization, to compare
7 and analyze benefit claims data across states for enhanced
8 detection and prevention of fraud and improper payments.

9 NEW SUBSECTION. 26B. "*National directory of new hires*"
10 means a database, including a successor database, established
11 by the federal office of child support enforcement pursuant
12 to the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity
13 Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-193, for the
14 purposes of assisting state child support agencies in locating
15 parents and enforcing child support orders.

16 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 96.33 **Verification of benefit**
17 **eligibility.**

18 1. The department shall participate in and utilize the
19 integrity data hub to verify the integrity of all claims for
20 benefits in this state.

21 2. On a weekly basis, the department shall check all
22 claims for benefits submitted in the previous week against
23 the most recent list of inmates provided by the department
24 of corrections pursuant to section 904.108 to verify the
25 eligibility for benefits of each claimant.

26 3. On a weekly basis, the department shall check all claims
27 for benefits against the national directory of new hires, as
28 well as any other source of information on newly hired or
29 rehired employees available to the department under state or
30 federal law, to verify the eligibility for benefits of each
31 claimant.

32 4. The department may enter into an agreement pursuant to
33 chapter 28E or execute a memorandum of understanding with other
34 state and federal agencies in order to acquire or gain access
35 to information required to be shared between agencies pursuant

1 to this section.

2 5. If the department receives information concerning
3 a claimant that indicates a change in the claimant's
4 circumstances that may affect the claimant's eligibility
5 for benefits, the department shall review the claimant's
6 eligibility.

7 Sec. 3. Section 904.108, Code 2021, is amended by adding the
8 following new subsection:

9 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. The director shall provide the
10 department of workforce development access to a list of inmates
11 confined in institutions under the department's jurisdiction on
12 a weekly basis for purposes of compliance with section 96.33.

13 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,
14 2022.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill provides for procedures for the department of
19 workforce development to verify eligibility for unemployment
20 benefits.

21 The bill requires the department to participate in and
22 utilize the integrity data hub, as defined in the bill, to
23 verify the integrity of all claims for benefits in Iowa.

24 The bill requires the department to check, on a weekly basis,
25 all claims for benefits submitted in the previous week against
26 the most recent list of inmates provided by the department of
27 corrections pursuant to the bill to verify the eligibility for
28 benefits of each claimant.

29 The bill requires the department to check, on a weekly basis,
30 all claims for benefits against the national directory of new
31 hires, as defined in the bill, as well as any other source
32 of information on newly hired or rehired employees available
33 to the department under state or federal law, to verify the
34 eligibility for benefits of each claimant.

35 The bill authorizes the department to enter into an

1 agreement pursuant to Code chapter 28E or execute a memorandum
2 of understanding with other state and federal agencies in order
3 to acquire or gain access to information required to be shared
4 between agencies pursuant to the bill.

5 If the department receives information concerning a claimant
6 that indicates a change in the claimant's circumstances that
7 may affect the claimant's eligibility for benefits, the bill
8 requires the department to review the claimant's eligibility.

9 The bill takes effect January 1, 2022.